

# Ocotillo Weekly Update



A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District

## **Councilmember Norma Alvarez**

June 22, 2012

#### **Child Car Seat Information**

Parents of young children should be aware of a new state law governing vehicle booster seats.

<u>Click here</u> to view a video describing what you need to know.

For more information on child car seats in general, <u>click here.</u>
To schedule a car seat installation, call 623-930-SEAT (7328).

### Glendale Public Library's Employment Resources Page

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Favorite Employment Websites
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Government Employment Websites

Click here to visit the site.

**Horatio Skeete Appointed Interim City Manager.** The City Council appointed Horatio Skeete as Glendale's interim city manager at the last evening council meeting.



The appointment, which is effective immediately, was necessitated due to the retirement of Ed Beasley, who served in the post for 10 years.

Skeete takes over as Glendale's chief executive in charge of city operations after serving as Glendale's assistant city manager since 2010. Skeete joined the city in 2004 as deputy city manager, where he oversaw the Transportation, Engineering, Code Compliance, Building Safety and Planning departments.

During that time, he administered the implementation of major development agreements relating to the University of Phoenix Stadium, Westgate City Center and Zanjero, including the Cabela's store.

Prior to joining Glendale, Horatio was the city manager of Litchfield Park for 13 years.

He is a long-time member of the International City/County Management Association, Arizona City/ County Management Association and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

During the meeting, Mayor Elaine Scruggs also informed residents that the current members of the City Council have decided to defer the recruitment for a permanent city manager to the new Council after the General Election in November. Four out of the seven council seats are up for re-election.

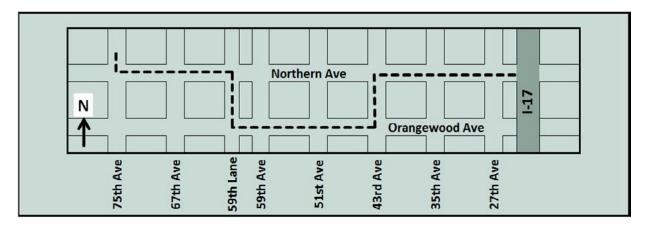
Construction Begins for SW Gas Pipeline. Beginning this month, a contractor for Southwest Gas will be installing approximately 7.5 miles of 16" gas pipeline in an alignment between I-17 and 75th Avenue (see diagram on page 2). This work is scheduled to be completed in December 2012. Since 1951, Southwest Gas has provided its customers with safe, reliable natural gas. Southwest Gas continues to invest in the enhancement of its natural gas system through the proactive replacement of pipeline. This year, Southwest Gas is investing in the replacement of pipeline in this area so they can continue to maintain the same high level of safety and customer

satisfaction that their customers have come to expect.

Traffic control will be in place during this construction. Lane closures are expected, but will be minimized during this activity. This construction will be a moving operation, taking place approximately 1,000 feet at a time. As pipeline is installed, the area will be backfilled and paved back. The work will take place primarily during daytime hours, Monday thru Saturday; however, the contractor may work full weekends or evening hours as necessary to better accommodate the construction activity, schedule, or the traveling public. Access will be maintained to businesses and residences during construction. You will be notified in advance of any planned disruption to residential utility services.

Project e-updates will be sent out every 1-2 weeks with upcoming construction information and restrictions. To be included in this distribution, please contact the project hotline at 602-532-6100 or visit the project website, <a href="www.SWGasLiving.com/Construction">www.SWGasLiving.com/Construction</a>. Southwest Gas wishes to thank you for your patience during this construction.

### **SW Gas Pipeline Installation**



**Independence Day Holiday Notice.** City of Glendale offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

All households' scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on July 3 by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Wednesday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will remain open on the Independence Day holiday, however, with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For questions related to the Foothills Center, call 623-930-4600. For information on other Parks and Recreation facilities, call 623-930-2820.

# **Around Town**

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Summer Classes! A variety of classes in music, dance, art, cooking, fitness and so much more are available this summer for adults and children! Don't miss out! <u>Click here</u> for more information.

**Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series.** "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 23 "Rudy" with Sean Astin, Ned Beatty, Charles S. Dutton and Lili Taylor will be shown. "Rudy" is the uplifting true story of how one young man, Rudy Ruettiger, refuses to limit his dreams or bow to reality as he pursues his lifelong goal to wear the uniform, if only for one down, of the Notre Dame football team. Rated "PG."

Job Searching Labs @ Teague. Mike Burton, Glendale Library Information Technology Specialist, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. Bilingual assistance will also be available. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next lab will be held on June 27th from 2 – 4 p.m. at Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Job Searching Labs @ Main. Steve Schrade, former director of Human Resources for Bashas', and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, will be available to offer job coaching assistance. This open lab is for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities. The next lab is June 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

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